

IDAHO STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD MEETING

July 1, 2005

MINUTES

Note: The following report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript of the discussions at the meeting, but is intended to record the significant features of those discussions

BOARD MEMBERS: Lee Riley, Kreg Davis, Tim Phillips, Al Frieze and Tom Brown

BOARD MEMBERS TELECONFERENCED: Chris Jensen and Greg Ford

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Dale Pippitt

DBS EMPLOYEES: Dave Munroe, Administrator; Marsi Woody, Deputy Administrator/Financial Officer; Steve Keys, Building Bureau Chief; Renee Bryant, Recorder

GUESTS: Kay Christensen, Deputy Attorney General

On July 1, 2005, the Idaho State Electrical Bureau held a special meeting at the Division of Building Safety, 1090 East Watertower Street, Meridian, Idaho. The meeting was brought to order at 9:30 a.m.

ELECTION OF NEW CHAIRMAN: Mr. Jensen nominated Mr. Tom Brown for the position. Mr. Ford seconded with Mr. Frieze moving to close the nominations. No one opposed. Mr. Brown's the new Chairman.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS HEARING – WESTECH: Ms. Christensen reviewed Westech's case and possible court appeal. Appeal would challenge whether the Board's statutes are constitutional, whether the definition of "what is electrical practice" is unconstitutionally broad and what is "communication circuitry".

Board questioned reversing original ruling. Concerns were whether this would set precedence and would the situation arise again. Future violations will be addressed under the laws that exist at the time of the violation. Also, with the new NEC laws in place it is unlikely the same situation would happen again.

Mr. Jensen made a motion to overturn the original decision of the \$200.00 civil penalty against Westech. Mr. Frieze seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Frieze addressed rewriting the specialty limited energy issue. Suggested policy decisions be made on one and two family dwellings and define "telephone company". One suggestion in defining "telephone company" would be to use the language or refer to the statute that deals with public utilities.

Mr. Frieze and Ms. Christensen to create a draft and a change to the Administrative Rules for consideration at the next board meeting.

CORRECTION NOTICES: Board discussed a possible civil penalty case in Preston, Idaho. Electrical Bureau working closely with electrician to get his outstanding correction notices cleared up and his permits paid in a timely manner.

MASTER ELECTRICIAN ISSUE: The committee (Mr. Brown, Mr. Ford and Mr. Jensen) to meet with Mr. Keys to create new wording on this subject and to address it at the next meeting for a vote.

OSHA'S SELF-INSPECTION PROGRAM: Mr. Davis would like this subject addressed at the next meeting. Mr. Keys to make sure packets will be available at that time.

VICE CHAIRMAN: Suggestion made to nominate a vice chairman to act as chairman when chairman is unavailable. Mr. Ford to chair the next board meeting as Mr. Brown will not be available.

Mr. Davis made a motion to nominate Greg Ford as Vice Chairman of the Electrical Board. Mr. Riley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

BOARD MEETINGS – 2005 SCHEDULE: The remaining Board meetings for 2005 will be Thursday, August 11, 2005 in Idaho Falls and Thursday, November 10, 2005 in Meridian.

Mr. Davis moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Riley seconded. Motion approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

DAVE MUNROE
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

DATE

RENEE BRYANT
MINUTES RECORDER

DATE